

CURT COPLEY, CAPTAIN, USN COMMANDING OFFICER, KENNEDY IRREGULAR WARFARE CENTER



Captain Curt Copley has served as Commanding Officer, Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center since Dec. 2011. Prior to assuming command, he served on the Navy Staff as Information Dominance Corps (IDC) Integration Branch Head, N2/N6C2.

CAPT Copley began his naval career upon graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. After designation as an Intelligence Officer in 1990, CAPT Copley reported to Strike Squadron 151 where, embarked on USS *Midway* (CV 41), he executed strike planning for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Following sea duty as Assistant Intelligence Officer, Commander, Carrier Group 2 aboard USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) and USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75), CAPT Copley augmented Commander, 6th Fleet (C6F) just prior to Operation Allied Force. He also served as Director of Intelligence, Joint Special Operations Command where he augmented joint special operations task forces as the J2 in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other locations.

Other assignments included duty on the Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific staff, Fleet Ocean Surveillance Information Facility (FOSIF), and the Joint Analysis Center (JAC) Royal Air Force, Molesworth, United Kingdom.

CAPT Copley graduated with Highest Distinction from the College of Naval Command and Staff (CNCS) in Newport, RI, where he was selected as an Associate Fellow to the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group, which developed an implementation framework for Network Centric Operations, FORCEnet.

CAPT Copley also served as Senior Intelligence Director in the Joint Operations Center, U.S. European Command (EUCOM) and Lead Intelligence Planner for military support to the government of Greece during the 2004 Olympic Games. Additionally, he deployed as Deputy Director of Intelligence for Joint Task Force Liberia. Upon returning, he served as the Intelligence Integration Branch Chief, which provided intelligence support to all operational planning and execution, and all deployed intelligence personnel in Africa and Europe. Following those assignments, CAPT Copley served at the Center of Naval Intelligence, where he developed the curriculum for the Advanced Maritime Operational Intelligence Course.

CAPT Copley's personal awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (6), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), Presidential Unit Citation, and various service and campaign medals.

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